

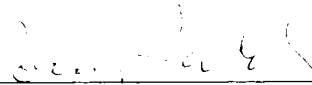
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
DIVISIONAL OF 09/447,049

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/447,049 filed November 23, 1999, which is a divisional of Application No. 08/967,821, filed November 12, 1997, now patent No. 6,238,660; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-17 are canceled.

Claims 18-20 are added as new claims.

--18. A method of inducing IL-12 in a patient in vivo that comprises orally administering AHCC to the patient.

19. A method of inducing IL-12 in a patient in vivo that comprises orally administering AHCC and components of fungal mycelium to the patient.

20. A method of inducing IL-12 in a patient in vivo that comprises orally administering AHCC, components of fungal mycelium and components of hemolytic streptococci to the patient.--